

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



*James 2:18*  
*Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith*

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm  
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## MASS TIMES, SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

**Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm**

**Sunday - 9:30am & 5:30pm**

**Monday - 8am**

**Tuesday - 10am**

*2nd Tues of month:* Anointing of the sick

**Wednesday - 8:00am** followed by Rosary to St Joseph

**Thursday - 6:30pm** Rosary followed by 7 pm mass and Novena to IHM

**Friday - 8am** followed by Eucharistic Adoration, devotions to Sacred Heart.

**1st Saturday of Month - 8am** Mass followed by devotions to IHM

**Reconciliation - Ask Fr if not in Conf booth**  
Thu after Mass

Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm

**Baptism and Marriage - By appointment**

**Working Bee - Sat 9am to 11am**

Because of the recent lockdowns there are currently lots of maintenance jobs. Please come and help.



## PARISH NOTICES

**Parish Priests:** A warm welcome to Fr Beltrame. Fr will look after the parish until Fr Anthony Dunne commences as Parish Priest on the 19th Jan.

**Communion:** As per the updated Diocesan protocols, communion is to be given in the hand because of the high risk of transmission.

**Library:** Educational & Inspirational DVDs available in the Church foyer, free to borrow and return.

**Financial Report** Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account  
Direct Debit: BSB640000: Acc. No.111270902 Include name on transfers.  
**1st Coll:** \$316.70 **2nd Coll:** \$173.55 **Env:** \$400.00 **Dir Debit:** \$530.00

**Readers :** Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin

Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin

**Next week:** Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur

Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 9th Oct

Kathleen Horsfall



## DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS - 16/09/2021

- **Register - QR Codes** preferred.
- **Wear a Mask**
- **Physical distancing**  
Different households 1.5m apart

- **No Singing**
  - **Communion** in the hand only
- Please take your bulletin home to minimise virus spread**



**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**First reading****Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 127(128)**

*May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

**Second reading****Hebrews 2:9-11**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Gospel Acclamation****1 John 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**Gospel****Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave

father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, ‘The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.’

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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### **Prayers of the Faithfull**

We pray for those who are married. Steady their hearts and kindle their affections that they might serve one another in your love.

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our sick,** Lorry Evans, Tony Abikhair, Katerie Byrnes, Gary Smith, Mathew Smith, Wendy Mills, & Carmel Baker.

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**For our recently departed,** Margaret Doyle and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time including Faye Duncombe, William Francis Fowles, Anna Stempinska & Nicholas Gleeson,

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### **Communion Antiphon**

**Lam 3: 25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP.**

A Lavington parishioner shared this story with me:

*One thing that struck me deeply while reading the Diary of St Faustina (Par 159 & 160) which contains one of her prayers for Holy Communion and the time she (through an accident of the priest during Communion) held the sacred host in her hand.*

*"But while I was holding the Host in my hand, I felt such a power of love that for the rest of the day I could neither eat nor come to my senses. I heard these words from the Host: "I desired to rest in your hands, not only in your heart." And at that moment I saw the little Jesus."*

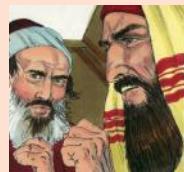
*So whenever I receive Holy Communion in my hands I take a few more seconds pondering this. Jesus really doesn't mind if He is in your hand!*

Perhaps it will be helpful for you in this (hopefully) short period when I ask the people to receive Holy Communion in the hand. *Bishop Mark Edwards*



## SCOTT HAHN: WHAT GOD HAS JOINED

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. Moses had allowed divorce, but Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, interpreting the text we hear in the First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only because of the people's "hardness of heart", their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and give people the grace to keep God's commands. Marriage is a sacrament, a divine, life giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family, making it fruitful.



That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. The Epistle hints that Jesus is the new Adam born of a human family. The Church is the new Eve, born of Christ's pierced side as He hung on the Cross. Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled. Eve was "mother of all the living". In Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning. The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

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## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Monday is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison awaiting his father's payment and according to legend began receiving visions from God.

After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over

the Christian world. Later in life, Francis had a vision that left him with the stigmata, marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified, making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds.

He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228. During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe.

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